

Skill description: Understanding equivalent terms and expressions.

Essential Revision

1.	2. Which of these is an equation?	
14 + 7 =	2b	
	3x = 12	
	4b-4	
3. Write using the correct algebraic conventions.	4. Write using the correct algebraic conventions.	
$b^{1} + 0$	$7 \div x$	
5. Write an algebraic expression for:	6. Write an algebraic expression for:	
x minus 11	Subtract c from d , then subtract 4 from the result.	
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7. 16-8=	8. Identify the terms. 9x + 3 = 12
9. Write using the correct algebraic conventions. $4x^0$	10. Write using the correct algebraic conventions. $e \times d$
11. Write an algebraic term for: The product of 7 and g.	12. Write an algebraic expression for: Add 5 to x then multiply the result by 4.
Solutions can be found at the end of the booklet. $Score_{12}$ © Super 12s Visit super12s.com for copyright details. Visit super12s.com for more than 200 Algebra booklets just like this one!	

STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

Conventions in mathematics state that when we write terms with variables and constants, the constant is written first, followed by the variables alphabetically.

For example, following mathematical conventions, we write:

3ab not ba3

Even though they mathematically equate.

When writing algebraic fractions involving a negative, the negative can be placed before the fraction, with the numerator, or with the denominator. They all mathematically equate.

$$-\frac{a}{b}$$
 or $\frac{-a}{b}$ or $\frac{a}{-b}$

If the numerator and denominator of a fraction are both negative, the negatives cancel each other out, and the fraction is written with positive values.

$$\frac{-a}{-b}$$
 equates to $\frac{a}{b}$

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These mathematical expressions are also equivalent:

$$3x + y$$
 is mathematically equivalent to $y + 3x$

With the following expression, be aware the negative belongs to the variable b.

$$2a-b$$
 is mathematically equivalent to $-b+2a$

Example 1

x 6 y is mathematically equivalent to:

- a) *x*6*xy*
- **b)** *y*6*y*
- **c)** 6*yx*
- **d**) 6*xy*

Solution

'c' and 'd' are both mathematically equivalent to x 6 y.



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Example 2 $\frac{-2x}{y}$ is mathematically equivalent to:

a)
$$-\frac{2x}{y}$$

b) $\frac{2x}{y}$
c) $\frac{-2x}{-y}$
d) $\frac{2x}{-y}$

Solution

'a' and 'd' are both mathematically equivalent to $\frac{-2x}{y}$.

Example 3

4x - 3y is mathematically equivalent to:

- a) -3y + 4x
- b) 4x + 3y
- c) 3x 4y
- d) -3x + 4y

Solution

'a' is mathematically equivalent to 4x - 3y.

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QUESTIONS	
$1. 4ab^2$ is mathematically equivalent to:	2. $\frac{2a}{c}$ is mathematically equivalent to:
a) $a^2 4b^2$	a) $-\frac{2a}{c}$
b) 4b ² a	b) $\frac{2a}{-c}$
c) ab^34	c) $\frac{-2a}{-c}$
d) 2a2b ²	$d) -\frac{-2a}{-c}$
32a + 5b is mathematically equivalent to:	4. x^2y3 is mathematically equivalent to:
a) $-2a^2 + 5b$	a) x3xy
b) $-2a - 5b$	b) yx6y
c) $-2b + 5a$	c) $3y^2x$
d) 5 <i>b</i> – 2 <i>a</i>	d) 3 <i>xy</i>
5. $\frac{5x^2}{-y}$ is mathematically equivalent to:	6. $7x - 2y$ is mathematically equivalent to:
a) $-\frac{5x^2}{y}$	a) $7x - 2y^2$
b) $\frac{-5x^2}{y}$	b) $-2y + 7x$ c) $-2y + 7y$
c) $\frac{-5x^2}{-y}$	d) $7y - 2x$
$d) \frac{5x^2}{y}$	

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~ 7 $-5dc$ is mathematically	$\sum_{a} x^2 b$
75dc is mathematically equivalent to:	8. $-\frac{2}{2}$ is mathematically equivalent to:
a) —do5	a) $-\frac{2xb}{2}$
b) -cd5	
c) 5 <i>dc</i>	b) $\frac{-bx^2}{2}$
d) -5 <i>bc</i>	c) $-\frac{xb^2}{2}$
	$d) \frac{x^2 b}{-2}$
9. $8x^2 - 3y$ is mathematically equivalent to:	10. $4y^2x^3$ is mathematically equivalent to:
$\begin{cases} a) -3y + 8x^2 \end{cases}$	a) $4y^3x^2$
b) $x^2 8 - y 3$	b) x^3y^24
c) $8y^2 - 3x$	c) $y^3 x^2 4$
d) $-8x^2 - 3y$	d) $y^2 4x^3$
11. $\frac{ab^3}{-4c^2}$ is mathematically equivalent to: a) $\frac{-ab^3}{4c^2}$ b) $\frac{-ab^2}{4c^3}$ c) $\frac{-ab^3}{-4c^2}$ d) $-\frac{-ab^3}{4c^2}$	12. $4ab^2 - 2y$ is mathematically equivalent to: a) $-2y + 4a^2b$ b) $-2y - 4ab^2$ c) $-2y + 4ab^2$ d) $4ab^3 - 2y$
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1. 21	2. $3x = 12$	
3. <i>b</i>	$4.\frac{7}{x}$	
5. x - 11	6. d-c-4	
7.8	8. 9 <i>x</i> , 3, 12	
9. 4	10. de	
11. 7 <i>g</i>	12. $4(x+5)$	
Solutions to Questions		
1. b,d	2. c	
3. d	4. a	
5. a,b	6. b	
7. b	8. b,d	
9. a,b	10. b,d	
11. a	12. c	

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